

**UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
(Atty. Docket No.: SIR-MIS-00001-US-CIP[4])

**IN THE APPLICATION OF:**

James McSwiggen *et al.*

**Serial No.** 10/757,803

**Filed:** January 14, 2004

**Title** RNA Interference Mediated  
Inhibition of Gene Expression  
Using Chemically Modified  
Short Interfering Nucleic Acid  
(siNA)

**Examiner:** Amy Hudson Bowman

**Group Art Unit:** 1635

**Confirmation No.:** 5421

**AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed January 22, 2009, in the above-captioned application. Also submitted herewith is a petition for a three (3)-month extension of time as well as the appropriate fees. No other fees are thought to be presently due; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of the same, to Deposit Account No. 50-4615.

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

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